

FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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OFFER TO BUY: Fresh and Dried Fruit, and Canned Juice

The Department of Agriculture announced it is planning to purchase fresh and dried fruit, and canned juice for donation to the Child Nutrition Programs and other Domestic Food Assistance Programs in fiscal year 2008, according to Robert C. Keeney, Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service.

The anticipated purchases will be made from offers that must be submitted on a delivered-to-destination price basis. Deliveries will be required during the period of October 15, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Products, container sizes, and approximate quantities sought are as follows:

PRODUCT	CONTAINER SIZE	U.S. GRADE	NO. CASES
Fresh Tomatoes	25 lb.	No. 1	198,400
Dates	24/1 lb.	B	57,000
Fresh Bartlett Pears	45 lb.	No. 2	106,200
Canned Grapefruit Juice	12/46 oz.	A	607,376

PLEASE NOTE: This announcement does not commit USDA to purchase specific quantities or particular products. The quantities described in this FOOD PURCHASE REPORT are estimates and are intended to provide only general notice of USDA purchasing plans. Those plans are subject to change. Actual purchases will depend upon prices and quantities offered as well as possible adjustments in user requirements.

Invitations to bid, including final details and specifications, will be sent to processors. Offers to sell these products must be received not later than the date specified on the Invitation to Bid. **All bids must be submitted using the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES). Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive.**

Further information can be obtained from the Commodity Procurement Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. Room 1406 - South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-4517 or our Internet Site: www.ams.usda.gov/cp.